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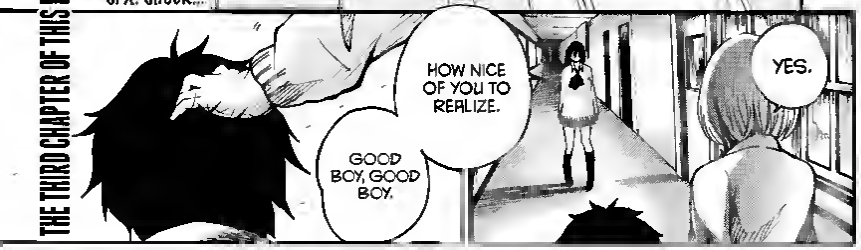
SFX: SHOCK...
THE THIRD CHAPTER OF THIS NEW SERIES!!
GOOD BOY, GOOD BOY.
HOW NICE OF YOU TO REALIZE.
YES.

NO... WAY...
WHY...?

CHAPTER 3
THE WORST SITUATION RESULTED.
YOUR SISTER IS WEARING A WISHING STONE.
ARE YOU SURPRISED?

HEH HEH— SUCH A FUNNY REACTION.
LET ME TELL YOU A BIT MORE THEN.

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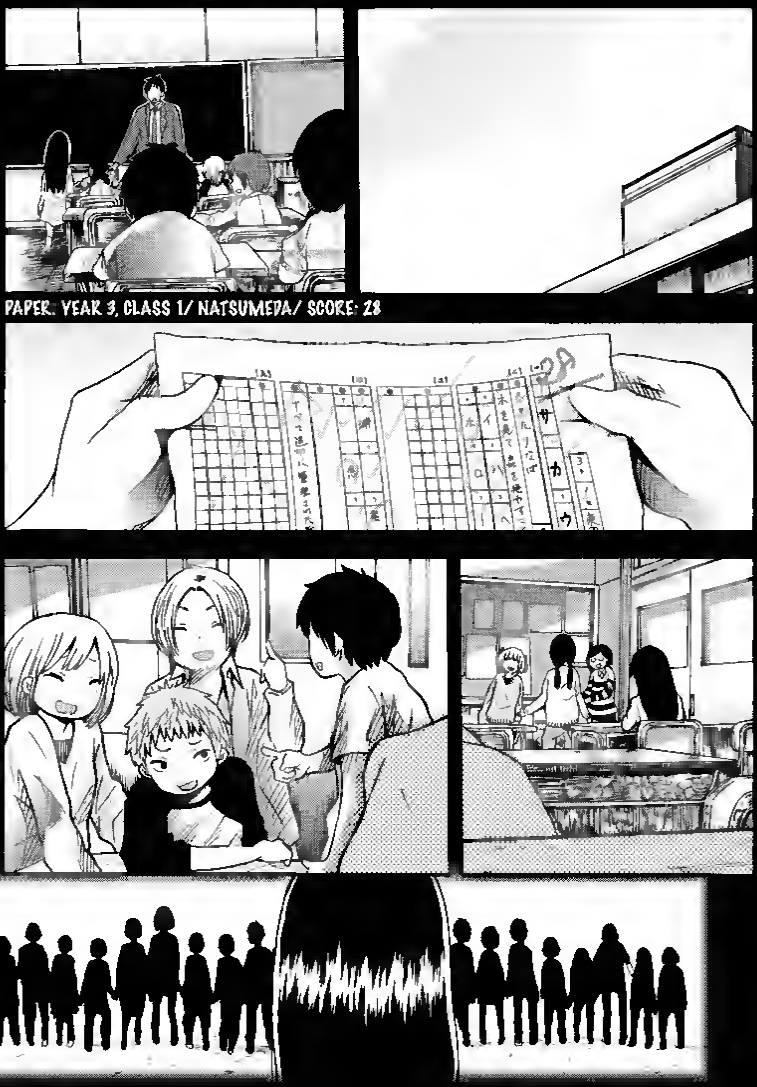
HEY!
THAT STONE IS...
HEH HEH... YOU'RE SO NICE, DEFENDING YOUR BROTHER EVEN THOUGH HE DID ALL THIS...
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD BIG SISTER.
BUT...
THERE'S NO REASON TO TELL ATARU ANY MORE, IS THERE?
THIS IS ENOUGH
ENOUGH...
SO LEAVE ATARU ALONE NOW..
IT'S BEEN ENOUGH...
YOU JUST DON'T WANT ATARU TO SEE THE THINGS...
THAT YOU DON'T WANT HIM TO KNOW ABOUT, CORRECT?
WHAT YOU WISHED FOR...
AND WHAT YOU'VE TURNED INTO.
IT'S NOT OUT OF LOVE.
IT'S JUST FOR YOUR SELF-PROTECTION.

DON'T SAY ANY MORE...
STOP...
YOU WANT TO KNOW, DON'T YOU? NATSUMEDA-KUN.
TSUKIMI MADE A WISH USING THE STONE?
SFX: BA-DUMP
...STOP...
YOU CAN TELL ME TO "STOP". BUT YOU SEE...
NATSUMEDA-KUN COULD JUST WISH... THAT HE WANTS TO KNOW...
WITH THAT STONE.
STOP !!!
TSUKIMI.
STOP !!!!
SFX: RAGE
I WANT TO KNOW...
ABOUT TSUKIMI.

CRACK...
CRACK
CRACK
SFX: CRACK
SFX: HISSS CRACK

I DON'T...
NEED THAT.
HEY...
DON'T BOTHER
YOU'RE STILL THEIR FATHER EVEN IF YOU DON'T ACT LIKE IT...
AM I REALLY ENOUGH BY MYSELF?
WHAT...?
BEER
SUNTORY
MOMMY...

...I'M...
REALLY HUNGRY...
HEY... MOMMY...
I'M... HUNGRY...
YOU CAN EAT ANYTHING THAT'S IN THE FRIDGE
ARE THESE ...TSUKIMI'S MEMORIES?
SHUT...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WHAT IS THIS...?

SIMILAR TO MYSELF...

THIS ALMOST... MAKES TSUKIMI LOOK...

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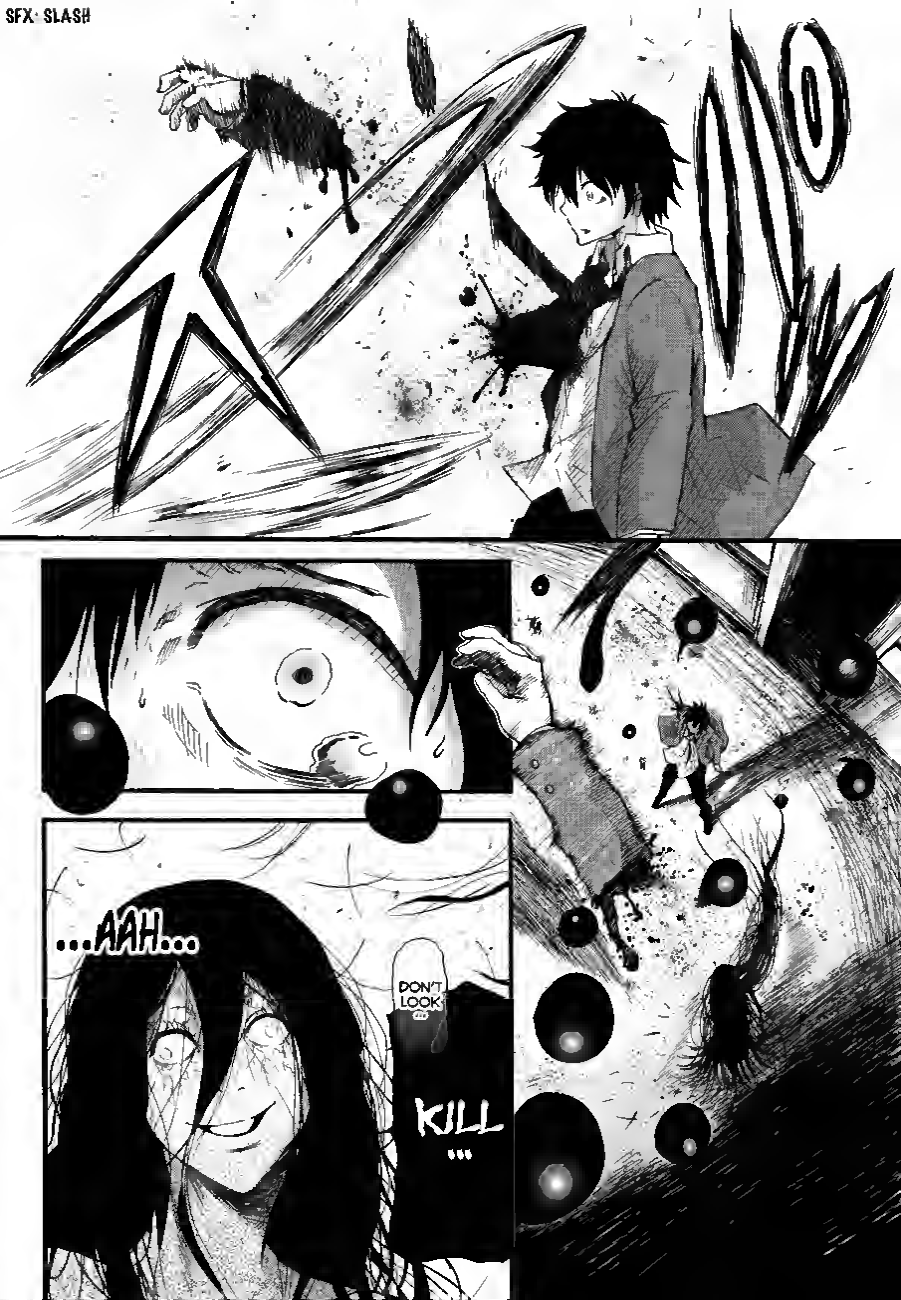
LIES!!
THAT WAS.. TSUKI-MI?
BUT...
BUT SHE'S...
SHE'S...
IT'S REAL.
YOU KNOW...
YOUR MEMORIES THE ENVIRONMENT YOU GREW UP IN. YOUR PARENTS FRIENDS
SFX. KOOOOAR
TO BE GOOD AT STUDYING AND SPORTS... TO CHANGE EVERY-THING...
TSUKIMI WISHED FOR ALL OF THAT.
SHE USED...
A WISHING STONE I GAVE HER BACK THEN.
AND THE PRICE SHE HAD TO PAY, WAS...

SFX: WHOOOSH
HE SAW ME. HE KNOWS.
AH...!
AH...!
SORRY ATARU...
I HATE YOU, I HATE YOU, I HATE YOU, I HATE YOU.
ATARU... SO... S... K... KI... KILL, KILL, KILL, KILL, KILL, KILL.
ATARU...
KILL ME, KILL, KILL, KILL, KILL, KILL, KILL.
... PLEASE ...
THAT.
SFX. ROOOAR


SFX: SLASH
...AAH...
DON'T LOOK
KILL
...

: TSUKIMI...
THAT'S... TSUKIMI...?
MY SISTER TURNED INTO A MONSTER...
AA AAA AAA AH!!!
IT HURTS... IT HURTS, IT HURTS, IT HURTS, IT HURTS!!
IT HURTS... IT'S HOT...
SFX: DRIP... DRIP...
SFX: DRIP... DRIP...
AHH... WHY...? HOW DID THIS...?
UGH...
ARGH...

TO RETURN TSUKIMI BACK TO NORMAL...
GRAB...
THAT'S RIGHT...
I COULD JUST MAKE A WISH...
.....
!?
IT'S BLACK...
THE STONE...
IT CAN ONLY GRANT THREE WISHES, YOU SEE?
OH? I THOUGHT YOU KNEW...
IT'S CRACKED, TOO...
IT WON'T RESPOND
THAT MEANS I CAN'T...
...WHAT... ARE YOU SAYING ...?

YOU SAW TSUKIMI'S REAL SELF...
SO THE BALANCE HAS BEEN BROKEN...
TURN HER BACK TO NORMAL ...?
WILL SHE... BE LIKE THIS FOREVER?
TO HIDE IT FROM YOU, NO MATTER WHAT..
MAYBE SHE WANTED...
FOREVER...
WILL SHE, AND EVERY-THING ELSE...
TSUKIMI ...?!

WHOOSH
NO.
NO.
NO.
NO.
GRAB
NO... THIS CAN'T...
SNAP
OOOW! AAA AAA AAA AAH!
CREEP
THIS CAN'T BE...
AHH
GAH!
THIS ISN'T...
MY SISTER...
AM I ...GOING TO BE... KILLED BY ...TSUKIMI ...LIKE THIS?
LIFT...
STAY LIKE THIS?

SFX: SLASH
YOU CAN'T KILL HIM,
TSUKIMI.
.....

A... TARO...
BRO... THER...?
TSUKIMI...
ARE YOU REALLY KILLING HIM?
NATSUMEDA-KUN IS YOUR DEAR LITTLE BROTHER, RIGHT?
HAVE YOU EVEN FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT?
IS THAT...?
HA... HAHA...
TSUKIMI ...?
.....
HAHAHA... MY SISTER IS NOTHING LIKE THAT THING...
I DON'T KNOW ANY-BODY LIKE THAT!
THAT MONSTER IS NOT TSUKIMI !!!
SHE LOOKS TOTALLY DIFFERENT AND SHE CAN'T EVEN TALK...
AND SHE'S GOING MAD DESTROYING EVERYTHING —IS THAT TSUKIMI?
NIRA-SAKI... ARE YOU...
TELLING ME THAT THING IS REALLY TSUKIMI —?
THAT MONSTER ...

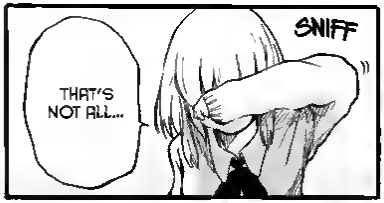
SFX: SLAP
THAT GIRL IS...
TSUKIMI. YOUR SISTER, TSUKIMI!!
SFX: WHACK
OKAY?!
YOUR WISHING STONE BROKE AFTER YOU USED IT THREE TIMES, RIGHT?
HER STONE IS BLACK TOO, ISN'T IT?
LOOK CLOSER AT TSUKIMI'S EAR
LISTEN CLOSELY!

YOU MADE A WISH, RIGHT? WHEN YOU FIRST GOT BULLIED BY THOSE THREE GUYS FROM YOUR CLASS, YOU WISHED FOR THEM TO DIE, RIGHT? AND THEY DID. SCARY, WASN'T IT?
BUT... THE NEXT DAY THEY WERE ALIVE, RIGHT? WEREN'T YOU RELIEVED?
THAT WAS...
BECAUSE TSUKIMI MADE A WISH FOR YOU.

.....!?
NO WAY...
WHEN OOTA TALKED TO YOU, IT WAS BECAUSE SHE WISHED YOU'D GET ALONG WITH HIM...
SHE WISHED FOR YOU TO HAVE FRIENDS...

SHE WISHED FOR YOU TO HAVE FUN AT SCHOOL, IF ONLY A LITTLE BIT...!!

SHE... DID THAT...
WITH THE STONE...?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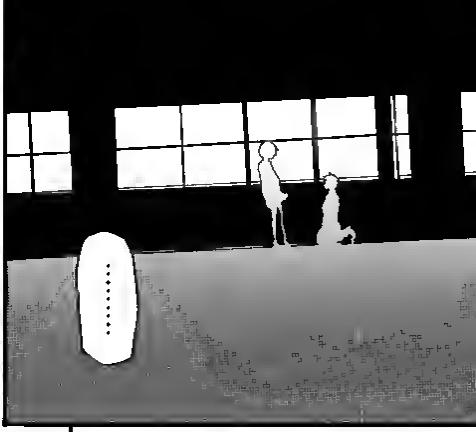
THAT'S NOT ALL...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SHE WANTED TO HELP YOU WITH IT IN CASE YOU EVER GOT IN TROUBLE... SHE WANTED YOUR WISHES TO COME TRUE. /

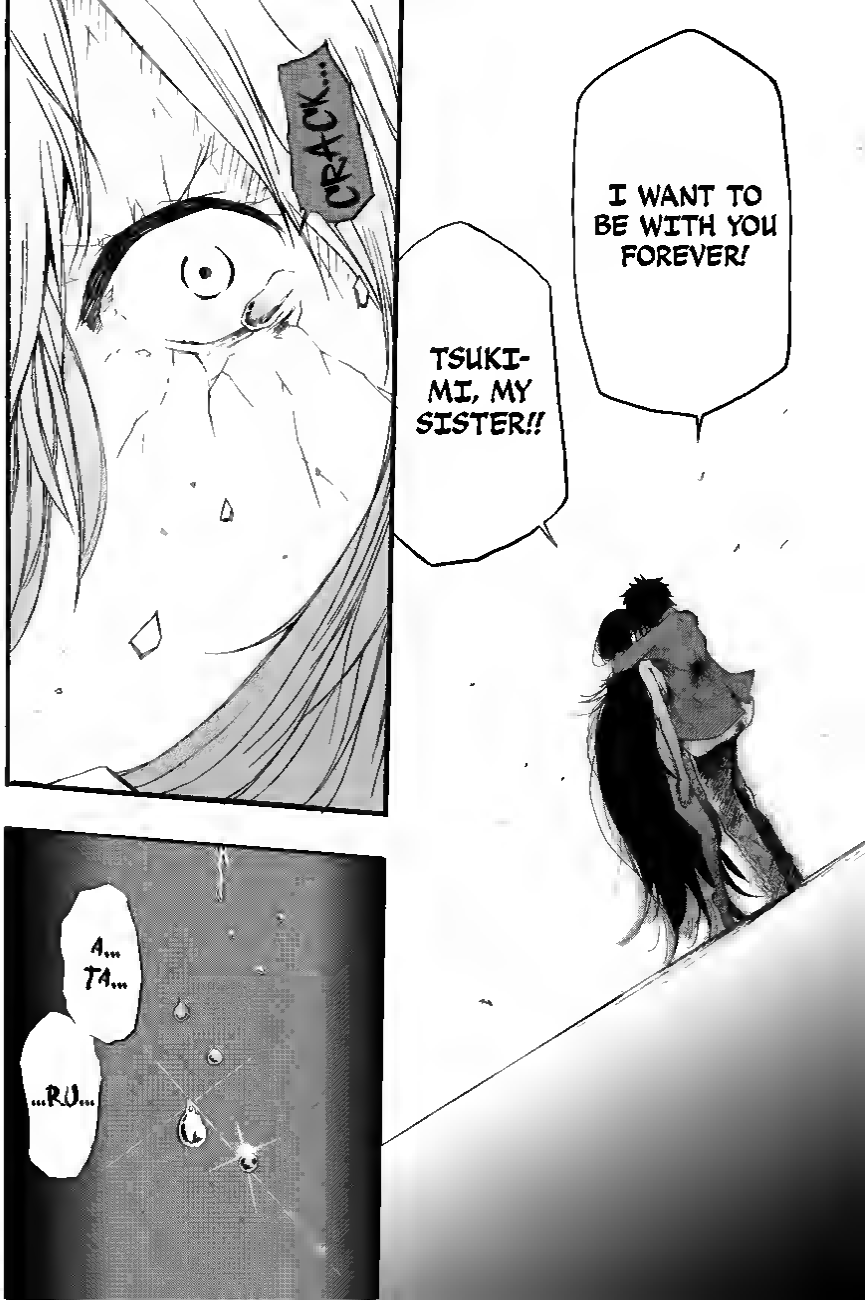
SHE WANTED TO GET ALONG WITH YOU... TO HELP YOU.. SHE WANTED YOU TO ENJOY LIFE A LITTLE MORE.../

WHEN I GAVE YOU A WISHING STONE... THAT WAS ALSO BECAUSE TSUKIMI WANTED ME TO, YOU KNOW...?

TSUKIMI ...!!
WHY CAN'T YOU GET ALONG WITH HER? YOU'RE HER BROTHER, RIGHT?!
TSUKIMI WAS WATCHING YOU THE WHOLE TIME! SHE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!! SHE MADE WISHES FOR YOU!!
IT WAS ALL TO MAKE YOU HAPPY, NATSU-MEDA-KUN!!
SEX-KUMAST

SFX: DASH
AH
AH
AAH
AAAH
AH
AH
IWA
AH
TSUKIMI...
貴
AAH!
SORRY.
...I'M SO... SORRY...
TSUKI-MI-
SFX: CLING
SOB... SOB
AH... AAH... TSUKIMI...

SFX: SWIRL SWIRL SWIRL
I WAS... HIDING... THE WHOLE TIME.
...I HATED EVERY-THING.
SFX: STAB
I WANTED THIS WORLD TO DISAPPEAR, FOR EVERYONE TO DIE AND PISS OFF... BUT— BUT...
WHY WAS NOTHING GOING RIGHT FOR ME—?! I KEPT WONDERING...
WH...
SFX: DRIP... DRIP...
SFX: SPLASH... SPLASH
I JUST WANTED TO GET ALONG WITH TSUKIMI! THAT'S ALL!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
A... TA-RU...?
I... WANTED TO...
A...
...TA... RU...?
BUT I COULDN'T, SO I RAN AWAY FROM EVERYTHING... CURSED EVERY-THING! BUT I LOVE YOU, TSUKIMI!!!
SWH
I WAS WRONG!!
I WAS ALL WRONG!! THE TRUTH IS... THAT I REALLY...


CRACK...
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER!
TSUKI-MI, MY SISTER!!
A...
TA...
...RU...

BOO... HOO...
SOB...
A... TARU ...?
UH... B-BUT...
WHAT IS IT, ATARU?
DID SOME-ONE BULLY YOU AGAIN? BOYS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO CRY.
YOU GAVE TO ME...
THEY WERE... MAKING FUN OF THE TEDDY...
RIGHT? WANNA PLAY GAMES TOGETHER WHEN WE GET HOME?
YEAH!
NO.
HAVE I EVER LIED TO YOU?
I'M ATARU'S BIG SISTER...
REALLY?
YOU'RE SO SILLY. I COULD JUST FIX THIS
THAT'S RIGHT...

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE, TSUKIMI!
I'M HIS BIG SISTER, SO I GOTTA KEEP MY ACT TOGETHER...
ARE YOU HAVING FUN, ATARU?
YEAH!

ATARU ALWAYS IDOLIZED ME UNCONDITIONALLY, EVEN THOUGH I COULDN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING...

HE WAS THE TINY LIGHT SHINING UPON ME, LOOKING UP TO ME, WHILE I HAD NOTHING ELSE...

AHH... HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOTTEN...?

THANK YOU, TSUKIMI.
IT WAS ALWAYS ATARU...
WHO MADE ME FEEL BETTER...
I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT!
SFX: SWIRL SWIRL SWIRL
A...
TARU...

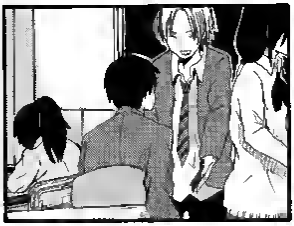
SFX: DRIP DRIP
ポロ…
ATARU…
TSUKIMI…!?
ポロ…
AH… TSUKIMI…
IS SHE BACK…?
……
……
THUD
……
ズル…
WELL, ISN'T THAT NICE NATSUMEDA-KUN— TSUKIMI—
SFX: SLIP…

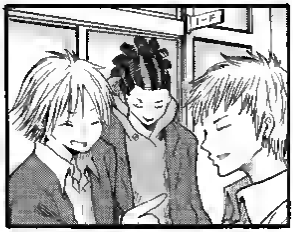
YOUR WISHES...
CAME TRUE...
SFX: WHOOSH
OH.
OHH...
OH.
THAT'S RIGHT...
I SEE...
I GUESS THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS..

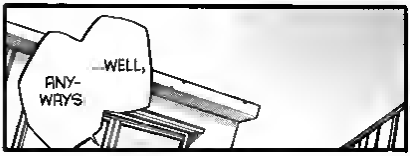
WOW, YOU'RE STILL INTO THOSE STONES AND STUFF...?
HEY, LOOK AT THIS! I BOUGHT IT.
'SUP MAN, I FEEL LAZY...
MOR-NIN'
A WEEK HAS PASSED SINCE THEN...
NOTHING HAS CHANGED.
THIS SCHOOL... THIS TOWN...

EXCEPT...
1 - F
FOR THE FACT THAT...!
NIRASAKI IS GONE.
YEAH.
NOBODY BUT US SEEMS TO REMEMBER HER, RIGHT?
NIRASAKI?
...YEAH.
I THINK SHE DID.
WE DID ALL OF THAT...
EVEN THOUGH
OR RATHER, I CAN'T THINK OF ANY OTHER POSSIBILITIES

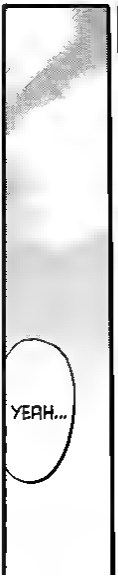
EVERYBODY IS STILL ALIVE, AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED.
AND NOBODY SEEMS TO REMEMBER ANYTHING.






ANY-WAYS
...WELL,

URK...
SEE?
ALL THE INJURIES YOU GAVE ME SUDDENLY HEALED, TOO.


YEAH...

AND THE REASON WHY WE'RE STILL ALIVE RIGHT NOW.. OKAY..?
AND EVERYTHING WE DID.
SO LET'S REMEMBER WHAT SHE WISHED FOR US...

LEAVING ONLY US WITH THE MEMORIES OF THOSE EVENTS...
SHE BROUGHT BACK "THE WORLD BEFORE EVERYTHING HAPPENED"...
SHE MUST'VE CLEANED UP ALL THE MESS FOR US, SINCE WE BOTH USED UP OUR WISHING STONES

WHEN DID I START HATING...
...WHEN DID IT ALL START?
SUPERFICIAL CONNECTIONS WITH PEOPLE ...?
I STILL DON'T KNOW.
OH, NATSUMEDA-KUN.
GREAT TO SEE YA!!
OOTA'S ABOUT TO DIE 'CAUSE HE'S GOT NO CASH, Y'SEE?
SFX: GRAB
DON'T YA FEEL SORRY FOR HIM? RIGHT? NATSUMEDA!
BY THE WAY...
COULD YA LEND US SOME CASH?
BUT RIGHT NOW, I'VE LEARNED TO BE OKAY WITH THAT.

DIE.
ゲ"
...HOW STUPID...
HUH?!
.....
IN SUCH A STUPID BORING PLACE...
I'M BEING BULLIED BY THIS PURE AND RIGHTEOUS FILTH...

I'LL...!!

HEH...
HEH HEH...
.....
.....
GOT MORE GUTS THAN I THOUGHT...
...OW. NATSUMEDA'S...
HMM?
...HEY, OOTA?
WHY DIDN'T *YOU* HIT NATSUMEDA?
CLICK
NOW WE GOT PUNCHED FOR NUTHIN'
YOU EVEN STOPPED ME IN THE END, AND WE'RE NOT TAKING ANYTHIN'...

I'LL...
HAHA HA...
FIND MY LITTLE BIT OF HAPPINESS IN THIS STUPID WORLD...
HAHA...
AND CHERISH IT WHILE I KEEP ON LIVING.
WHO CARES?
I WILL NEVER AGAIN WISH UPON...
THE DARK WORLD THAT LIES BEYOND THIS STONE.

THAT'S WHAT I SWORE TO MYSELF.
I'M HOME.
WEL-COME BACK... WAIT.
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?!
HAHA— NOTHING REALLY— IT'LL GET BETTER IF YOU LEAVE IT ALONE.
NO WAY! COME HERE! I'LL CLEAN YOUR BRUISES !!!
I'M FINE, REALLY.
I DECIDED THAT I WON'T
MAKE YOU WORRY ABOUT ME ANYMORE.

SFX: POOF
I JUST WANT YOU TO WATCH ME AS I GROW UP BIT BY BIT...
SO WE CAN STAY TOGETHER.
SFX: BLUUUSH
YOU'RE ALL DIRTY, SO WE HAVE TO DISINFECT THOSE CUTS!!
NO, YOU'RE NOT!!
I SAID M FINE
HUH?
A-...
ANYWAYS, I'M TREAT-ING YOUR INJURIES!!
SFX: TURN
ATARU... THAT...
WHAT?
...WAIT...
HUH?
RIGHT NOW! OKAY?!
GO CHANGE CLOTHES AND WAIT IN THE LIVING ROOM!

YOUR HAND...
CRACK
SFX: WHOOOHM
YOUR HAND...
YOUR HAND...

!?
IT WOULD SEEM LIKE THAT, YES.
WHEN WE LOOKED BEHIND US...
ATARU'S LEFT HAND TURNED INTO STONE...?! TO BE CONTINUED IN THE MARCH ISSUE!!
SHE WAS RIGHT THERE...
WITH HER ALL TOO FAMILIAR VOICE.
SORRY FOR INTRUDING